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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Secretary of Defense,  
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3. He mentioned that he had a memo from Bobby Inman complaining about a very bad leak [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] He was having his General Counsel try to look into this primarily because the laws with respect to communications security are better than with respect to intelligence in general.

The Secretary indicated he felt that the number of leaks we had on intelligence matters today indicated that the Intelligence Community as a whole was more prone to leaks than any other element of the government. He wasn't pointing a finger at any particular element of the Community, but rather that the number of leaks of intelligence matters is unusually high.

I think we ought to consider an analysis of the leaks in intelligence to see if we can indicate any kind of a pattern. I don't know whether this can profitably be done or not, but I would like to consider it. If Harold Brown is at all right that the Community is prone to leaks, this is certainly something we should be paying attention to. (S)

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STANSFIELD TURNER  
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